

Amendments to the Claims

Please make the following amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of collaboration between a plurality of associated portlets in a portal server comprising:

defining a common Portlet Application Session Object, the Portlet Application Session Object comprising a data store session object and configured to allow each portlet in a portlet application to share session information;
associating each portlet in a portlet application with a portlet descriptor describing a dynamic context name, each portlet configured to access the common Portlet Application Session Object, the dynamic context name referencing a dynamic context configured to be changed during runtime; and
forming collaboration groups of portlets having corresponding dynamic context names, a collaboration group being a subgroup of the group of portlets in a the portlet application, the portlets in each collaboration group sharing dynamic context changes through the Portlet Application Session Object.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said context names define dynamic context values; each said group of portlets including a master portlet and at least one slave portlet.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein each said group of portlets share dynamic context names in common.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 including communicating changes in dynamic context values of a master portlet to slave portlets of said master portlet.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 including changing dynamic context values of said slave portlets to match dynamic context values of said master portlet as communicated.
- 6-19. (Cancelled).
20. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein each portlet in a portlet application comprises an independent portlet session, all independent portlet sessions for a portlet application sharing a Portlet Application Session Object.
21. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein each portlet belongs to a plurality of collaboration groups, each collaboration group comprising corresponding dynamic context names.